(a) the initial projected cost of the ambitious Konar Canal Irrigation Project (1978) of North Chhotanagpur in Bihar and the revised cost thereof at present;

(b) whether the construction work of the said canal is not being undertaken at present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to complete the Konar Canal Irrigation Project at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the time limit fixed for it ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The initial estimated cost of the project in 1971 was Rs. 11.43 crores. The revised cost as in 1988 was Rs. 187.67 crores.

(b) to (e) An amount of Rs. 77.90 crores has been spent upto March, 1994 without creating any irrigation potential so far. As the State Government has not complied with the observations of all the Central appraising agencies, the project has not been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission. The completion of the project will depend upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.

[English]

Posts Lying Vacant

5569. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a good number of vacancies in group 'D' post in the reserved categories of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes have been lying vacant in All India Institute of Medical Sciencs since long;

(b) if so, the details of all such vacancies which are to be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(c) the action taken by the concerned authority to fill up the same ?

THE MINISTER OF TAXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (c) There are about 119 posts reserved for SC/ST and OBC in Group 'D' lying vacant in the institute. Out of these, 84 posts are of Sanitary Attendent Gr. II and Hospital Attendant Gr. III. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has informed that action is under process to fill up the posts as per the prescribed procedure.

Irrigated Area

5570. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of irrigated area of land in the country during each of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Plan period alongwith the target fixed for Ninth Plan State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : Land Use Statistics are brought out by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation. These statistics show only yearwise figures of irrigated areas through various sources. However, details of potential created for irrigation through major & Medium and Minor Irrigation projects during Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans are given in attached statement.

The targets for Ninth Five Year Plan have not been finalised by the Planning Commission.

Statement

Statewise Irrigation potential created during Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans

		(In thousand Hectares)			
		V	VI	VII	VII
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	543.00	666.0	545.00	487.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	–	*	15.0	17.0
3.	Assam	47.0	112.0	192.0	28.0
4.	Bihar	862.0	1182.0	1203.0	1025.0
5.	Goa	–	45.3	14.9	6.0

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Gujarat	379.0	281.0	320.3	245.0
7.	Haryana	326.0	284.0	199.0	117.0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11.0	26.5	11.6	10.0
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	22.0	62.0	24.3	29.0
10.	Karnataka	301.0	325.0	350.4	511.0
11.	Kerala	68.0	185.0	116.4	311.0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	544.0	747.4	612.4	496.0
13.	Maharashtra	466.0	854.0	661.1	425.0
14.	Manipur	2.0	46.7	26.9	44.0
15.	Meghalaya	8.0	11.3	5.4	11.0
16.	Mizoram	–	6.4	3.1	3.0
17.	Nagaland	–	9.0	11.7	3.0
18.	Orissa	302.0	430.0	216.2	316.0
19.	Punjab	314.0	172.0	170.7	276.0
20.	Rajasthan	219.0	352.0	477.2	434.0
21.	Sikkim	7.0	5.0	6.4	4.0
22.	Tamil Nadu	110.0	145.0	148.4	84.0
23.	Tripura	6.0	19.0	24.5	12.0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3008.0	3485.0	4955.0	5104.0
25.	West Bengal	395.0	233.0	981.6	624.0
	Total Status	7945.0	9664.5	11293.2	10691.0
	Total Uts	7.0	2.4	17.1	11.0
	Grand Total	7952.0	9667.2	11310.3	10702.0

*Included under UTs.

Review of Land Reforms

5571. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the implementation of land reforms in the States;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made regarding the targets set by each State during the last three years ending on March 31, 1997;

(c) whther the performance of most of the States in implementation of land reforms still continues to be lagging much behind the desired levels; and

(d) the details of fresh initiatives taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

The implementation of land reforms in the States was reviewed in the Revenue Ministers Conference held on 28th January, and subsequently in the Revenue Secretaries Conference held in New Delhi on 28th and 29 the April, 1997.